

# SAFETY ON THE LINE

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*"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." - John Fitzgerald Kennedy*

## Firearm Safety

Most parents are concerned about the safety of their children, and do their best to provide a safe environment, i.e. car seats, seat belts, life preservers, etc. *What about gun safety?* Guns are in nearly half of all households in the US. Even if you don't have one, it's likely that at some point your child could be in a home where there is one. During 1994-98 a total of 23,776 children under the age of 19 died from a gun related injury....equal to 13 children a day (CDC National Injury Mortality Statistics).

**Talk to your child** about gun safety and teach them these rules if he/she comes into contact with a gun:

- STOP
- Don't touch
- Remove yourself from the area
- Tell an adult

**If you have a gun in your home**, ensure the safest environment for your family:

- Take the ammunition out of the gun
- Lock the gun
- Keep ammunition in a separate place, and lock it up
- Lock up gun-cleaning supplies, which are poisonous

• More than 3 million BB guns and pellet guns are sold in the U.S. every year. These safety tips apply to them also.

## Food Preparation Safety Tips



**CLEAN** – Wash hands and surfaces often.

**SEPARATE** – Keeping raw meat & poultry separate from cooked foods.

**COOK** – Heat to safe temperatures. 145° for steaks, roasts and fish, 160° for pork, ground beef and egg dishes, 170° for chicken breasts and 180° for whole poultry.

**CHILL** – Refrigerate or freeze promptly.

For more information contact:  
USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline  
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